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## Arizona's Enhanced "3-IN-1" Driver's License *Frequently Asked Questions*

*Is the "3-in-1" driver's license the same as REAL ID?*

- **NO.**

*What's the difference?*

- REAL ID is a federal plan for a national identification card. It is still being designed. The federal government has not yet figured out how to pay for it.
- Governor Napolitano's 3-in-1 driver's license is different. It will do three things:
  1. Function as secure identification that can be used instead of a passport to travel between Canada, Mexico and the United States. (It means that people who must frequently, legally cross the border will not have to constantly carry a passport.)
  2. Serve as verification of legal status. That means employers can accept this card as proof that a person is a citizen and can legally work in the United States.
  3. Act as an Arizona driver license.

*Will everyone in Arizona have to get one?*

- **NO.**
- Arizona citizens can choose to get the new driver's license, but they will not be required to.

*Will illegal immigrants be able to get this driver's license?*

- **NO.**
- Only U.S. citizens who are legal residents of Arizona can get the 3-in-1 driver's license.

*Will it be more expensive than a regular driver's license?*

- Yes, but the fee is expected to be small.

*But didn't the Governor commit Arizona to the federal REAL ID program?*

- **NO.**
- The Governor believes that REAL ID, in its current form, is an unfunded federal mandate to the states.
- The Governor agreed to implement REAL ID
  1. Only after the state has reviewed and accepted as reasonable the federal government's final regulations; and
  2. The federal government provides Arizona with all the needed funding to implement those regulations

- The Governor has agreed that Arizona will “take steps” toward having this enhanced ID become compliant with REAL ID only if those two major developments occur.

*I've heard that someone could use a handheld scanner to steal sensitive personal information off of this 3-in-1 card. Is that true?*

- **NO.**
- The card itself has no sensitive personal information on it. (It does have the holder's address – information that has always appeared on the face of an Arizona driver's license.)
- The card has a chip that has just one piece of information on it: a randomly assigned number.
- The card will be issued with a plastic sleeve that makes the chip impossible to read until the sleeve is removed.

*Then why is there a number embedded in the card?*

- The number allows law enforcement officials to find you in the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) database, if necessary.

*Is the database secure?*

- Very. It's the same database MVD uses now. It has multiple firewalls and security features to keep hackers out.

*Is legislative approval needed for this new ID?*

- Yes. The Legislature must change the law to allow the Arizona Department of Transportation to issue this new type of driver's license.